

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 2 illustrates a release agent system 20 according to the invention. The system 20 has a first (transfer) stage 22, a second (metering) stage 24 and a fuser roller 26 having a surface 28. A toner image bearing substrate 30, which in this example is a sheet of paper (but may be other forms of media), comes in contact with the surface 28 of the fuser roller 26 by any of several well-known mechanisms. Of course, the fuser roller 26 could alternatively be a belt or any other suitable device for fixing the toner image to the substrate. The first (transfer) stage 22 has two soft transfer rollers 34, 38, with elastomeric surfaces. The first transfer roller 34 is mounted for rotation about an axis 36, which axis is held in a fixed relation by support 50 with respect to the fuser roller 26. The second transfer roller 38 is mounted for rotation about an axis 42. The second transfer roller 38 is also coupled for movement about the axis 36 of the first transfer roller 34 so that the surface 44 of the first roller 34 contacts the surface 48 of the second transfer roller 38 with a pre-selectable force. The coupling is accomplished through a link 40 extending from the first roller axis 36 to the rotational axis 42 of the second roller 38. With the second transfer roller 38 rotationally translatable about the first roller axis 36, it is possible to selectively engage the surface 48 of the second transfer roller 38 against the fuser roller 26 for rotational contact with the surface 28 of the fuser roller.